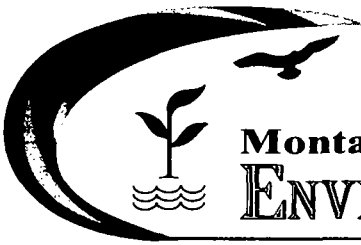


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**Subject: November 15, 2006, Compliance Evaluation Inspection - Asarco East
Helena Plant**

Dear Mr. Nickel:

Enclosed is my inspection report and digital photographs taken at Asarco's East Helena Facility. The report and photos focus on those processing units identified in Asarco's Phase 2 and 3 Decontamination and Demolition Site Work Plan. Please review this report and enclosed documents carefully.

I'm also enclosing a copy of the Department's updated Appendix A to the Consent Decree Workplan.

I want to thank you for the time spent during our inspection and sending me a copy of ENTACT's survey of estimated waste material. If you have any questions or need further assistance, please feel free to contact me at (406) 444-5852, or e-mail me at ijohnson@mt.gov.

Sincerely,

Iver L. Johnson
HW Specialist
WUTM Bureau

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Updated Appendix A to the Consent Decree Workplan

cc: Linda Jacobson, EPA Region 8, 999 18th Street, Suite 300, Denver, CO 80202-2466

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